

## **Description of Map Units**

#### **QUATERNARY-LATE TERTIARY Alluvial Deposits**

Qal<sub>1,2</sub> Alluvial-stream deposits -- Moderately to well-sorted clay to small gravel deposits in large active drainages. Qal, includes benches up to 10 feet (3 m) above current channels: 0-10 feet (0-3 m) thick. Qal, includes deposits adjacent to and dissected by Qal<sub>1</sub>; upper surface up to 30 feet (9 m) above active channels; 0-20 feet (0-6 m) thick.

### Qat<sub>2-6</sub>, QTat<sub>7</sub>

Stream-terrace deposits -- Gravel to cobble size clasts in a muddy to coarse sand matrix; forms a poorly sorted, indurated pedogenic carbonate-cemented conglomerate at several levels above the present floodplain; clasts are well-rounded and many are exotic to the quadrangle, indicating a source several miles upstream; pedogenic carbonate (caliche) thicker in older deposits; subscripts denote relative heights above the current drainage and relative ages; level 2 deposits are 10-30 feet (3-9 m); level 3 deposits are 30-90 feet (9-27 m); level 4 deposits are 90-140 feet (27-42 m); level 5 deposits are 140-190 feet (42-57 m); level 6 deposits are 190-270 feet (57-82 m); and level 7 deposits are 270-350 feet (82-106 m) above present channels; typically 0-40 feet (12 m) thick.

- Qao Older alluvial deposits -- Remnants of older, locally derived and moderately sorted clay- to gravel-sized alluvial deposits; are 10-30 feet (3-10 m) higher than, and dissected by, minor drainages. 0-10 feet (0-3 m) thick.
- Qato Older stream-terrace deposits -- Gravel- to cobble-sized clasts in muddy to coarse sand matrix; forms isolated, indurated conglomerate; 20-50 feet (6-15 m) higher than, and not correlative to, current drainage; 0-20 feet (0-6 m) thick.

#### **Colluvial Deposits**

Qc Colluvial deposits -- Poorly sorted, angular- to-rounded blocks in muddy to sandy matrix, deposited by sheet wash and slopecreep on moderate slopes; only larger deposits mapped; locally includes eolian, talus, debris flow and alluvial deposits too small to map separately. 0-20 feet (0-6 m) thick.

#### **Mass Movement Deposits**

Qmt Talus deposits -- Very poorly sorted, angular boulders with minor fine-grained interstitial sediment; deposited on and at the base of steep slopes; 0-10 feet (0-3 m) thick.

QTms Old landslide deposits -- Very poorly sorted, boulder- to claysize debris in chaotic mounds; caps ridges and knolls that are over 400 feet (120 m) above drainages in northwest part of quadrangle; some boulders are in excess of 30 feet (9 m) across; blocks were derived primarily from Shinarump Conglomerate; 20-80 feet (6-24 m) thick.

#### Mixed-Environment Deposits

Qac Alluvial and colluvial deposits -- Poorly to moderately sorted clay- to boulder-size sediment in minor drainages; gradational with colluvial deposits; includes terrace outcrops too small to map separately; 0-10 feet (0-3 m) thick.

Alluvial and eolian deposits -- Moderately to well-sorted, clay- to sand-size alluvial sediment that locally includes abundant eolian sand and minor gravel. Qaeo is dissected by current drainages; forms higher bench and has strong pedogenic carbonate (caliche), compared to Qae; mapped in broad, sloping areas north of the Santa Clara River; 0-30 feet (0-9 m) thick.

Qsg Gypcrete and alluvial gravel -- Pale-gray to pinkish-gray, punky gypcrete; basal part locally includes poorly to moderately stratified, moderately sorted, lenticular channel deposits of silt- to small boulder-size material; gypcrete forms a resistant ledge; present only on the highly gypsiferous Moenkopi Formation; 0-5 feet (0-1.5 m) thick.

# **Basalt Flows**

Qbs Santa Clara lava flow -- Dark-brownish-black to black, subalkine basalt flow; rocks have abundant small olivine phenocrysts in an alphanitic groundmass; very jagged aa surface; 10-30 feet (3-9 m) thick; estimated 10,000-20,000 years old.

# unconformity

#### JURASSIC Jmw Whitmore Point Member of the Moenave Formation -- Pale-

red-purple to greenish-gray claystone interbedded with pale-brown to pale-red, thin-bedded siltstone with several 2-6 inch (0.05-0.15 m) thick beds of light-greenish-gray dolomitic limestone that contain algal structures and fossil fish scales of Semionotus kanabensis (Hamilton, 1984); nonresistant and poorly exposed; about 55 feet (17 m) thick.

Dinosaur Canyon Member of the Moenave Formation --Interbedded moderate-red-brown siltstone and very fine-grained, thin-bedded, pale-reddish-brown to grayish-red sandstone with laminated cross-beds; forms ledgy slope; 250 feet (76 m) thick.

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TRcp Petrified Forest Member of the Chinle Formation -- Lightbrownish-gray to grayish-red-purple bentonitic shale and siltstone with several lenticular interbeds of pale-yellowish-brown, crossbedded sandstone up to 10 feet (3 m) thick; petrified wood is common; shales weather to a "popcorn" surface with abundant mudcracks due to bentonitic clay swelling and shrinking with moisture; forms well-developed strike valleys adjacent to the more resistant dip slope of the Shinarump Conglomerate Member; 700 feet (215 m) thick.

# unconformity

TRcs Shinarump Conglomerate Member of the Chinle Formation --Varies from a grayish-orange to moderate-yellowish-brown, medium- to coarse-grained sandstone with locally well-developed limonite bands ("picture rock" or "landscape stone") to a moderate-brown, chert-pebble conglomerate; forms a dark-brown to moderate-yellowish-brown caprock above the Moenkopi Formation; along the northern edge of the quadrangle, conglomerate is overlain by a sandstone ledge; in some places, the two ledges are separated by up to a few feet of brownish-gray to grayish-purple bentonic shale; variable in composition and thickness because it represents stream channel deposition; ranges from 5-200 feet (1.5-61 m) thick.

# unconformity

TRmu Upper red member of the Moenkopi Formation -- Moderatereddish-brown, thin-bedded siltstone and very fine-grained sandstone with some thin gypsum beds and abundant discordant gypsum stringers; ripplemarks common in the siltstone; forms a slope with a few minor sandstone ledges; locally includes 20-footthick, (6-m-) fine-grained, resistant sandstone near base; 450 feet (136 m) thick.

TRms Shnabkaib Member of the Moenkopi Formation -- Light-gray to pale-red, "bacon-stripe", gypsiferous siltstone with several thin interbeds of dolomitic, unfossiliferous limestone near the base; upper portion is very gypsiferous and weathers into a powdery soil; forms a valley except where held up by more resistant overlying units; 900 feet (272 m) thick.

- TRmm Middle red member of the Moenkopi Formation -- Interbedded moderate-red to moderate-reddish-brown siltstone, mudstone, and thin-bedded, very fine-grained sandstone with thin interbeds and veinlets of greenish-gray to white gypsum; forms a slope; commonly covered with stream terrace gravels, 375 feet (114 m)
- TRmv Virgin Limestone Member of the Moenkopi Formation -- Five distinct medium-gray to yellowish-brown marine limestone ledges interbedded with nonresistant, moderate-yellowish-brown, muddy siltstone, pale-reddish-brown sandstone, and light-gray to grayishorange-pink gypsum; limestone beds are 3-15 feet (1-5 m) thick and contain five-sided echinoderm and shell fragments; total thickness is 200 feet (61 m).
- TRml Lower red member of the Moenkopi Formation -- Moderatereddish-brown siltstone, mudstone, and fine-grained, slopeforming sandstone; generally calcareous with interbeds and stringers of gypsum; ripple marks and small-scale cross-beds are common in the siltstone; thickness varies considerably from 0-200 feet (0-61 m) because of deposition over paleotopography.
- TRmt Timpoweap Member of the Moenkopi Formation Darkvellowish-orange and moderate reddish-brown, thin- to very thinbedded, calcareous siltstone with thin, medium-gray limestone beds and medium- to coarse-grained sandstone near the base; gypsiferous near the top with lenses of gypsum and sandstone; gypsum forms punky surface; poorly lithified and forms slope; varies from 0-100 feet (0-30 m) thick due to deposition over paleotopography.
- TRmr Rock Canyon Conglomerate Member of the Moenkopi Formation -- Yellowish-gray to light-olive-gray, clast-supported, but grading upward to a matrix-supported conglomerate with pebble- and cobble-sized clasts; basal layers contain angular to sub-angular limestone ripup clasts and brecciated blocks from the Harrisburg Member, locally cemented with sparry calcite; rounding increases upward to sub-rounded, mostly chert clasts near top; grades upward to calcareous, gritty, poorly sorted, pebble conglomerate with coarse sandstone lenses; thick, locally lenticular bedding; indurated; cliff forming; filled paleocanyons eroded into the Kaibab Formation; thickness 0-200 feet (0-61 m).

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#### PERMIAN

Pkh Harrisburg Member of the Kaibab Formation -- Light-gray, fossiliferous, sandy, fine- to medium-grained limestone interbedded with red and gray gypsiferous siltstone, sandstone, and gray gypsum beds several feet thick; beds of cherty limestone and sandy limestone about 20 foot-thick (6 m) form resistant ledges near upper middle; solution of interbedded gypsum causes local distortions; forms slope with limestone ledges; thickness varies greatly due to subaerial erosion; 0-300 feet (0-91 m) thick.

Fossil Mountain Member of the Kaibab Formation -- Yellowishgray, abundantly fossiliferous, cherty limestone that forms a prominent cliff; silicified fossils include corals, brachiopods, crinoids, and bryozoans; reddish-brown and black chert forms irregularly bedded nodules and causes the outcrop to appear black-banded; 100-300 feet (30-91 m) thick.

### unconformity

Toroweap Formation -- shown in cross section only

Ptw Woods Ranch Member of the Topoweap Formation --Grayish-pink to very-pale-orange massive gypsum with interbeds of lightbrownish-gray siltstone and pale-red shale; forms slope, commonly covered with talus; beds distorted from dissolution of gypsum; 200

Ptb Brady Canyon Member of the Toroweap Formation --Medium-light-gray to dark-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, thickbedded, fossiliferous limestone with reddish-brown chert nodules; forms prominent cliff; 250 feet (76 m) thick.

Seligman Member of the Toroweap Formation -- Consists of three sections: upper section of medium-gray, thin-bedded, sandy limestone; middle section of interbedded yellowish-gray, calcareous, very fine-grained sandstone and grayish-yellow, avpsiferous, calcareous siltstone; and basal section of paleyellowish-brown, fine-grained sandstone; forms recess in cliff of Virgin River Gorge; 100 feet (31 m) thick.

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Queantoweap Sandstone -- Pale-yellow to grayish-pink, calcareous, thickly-bedded, fine-grained sandstone; forms steep slope in Virgin River Gorge; only the upper 150 feet (45 m) is exposed in the quadrangle.

# Subsurface Units

Pp Pakoon Dolomite -- shown in cross section only

## **PENNSYLVANIAN** IPc Callville Limestone -- shown in cross section only

Redwall Limestone -- shown in cross section only

# **DEVONIAN**

Muddy Peak Dolomite -- shown in cross section only

Nopah Dolomite -- shown in cross section only

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PLATE 2 Interim Geologic Map of the White Hills Quadrangle Washington County, Utah Open-File Report 352 September 1997 UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY a division of Utah Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with U.S. Geological Survey Key to Map Symbols

concealed, bar and ball on down-thrown side

Axial trace of syncline -- dotted where concealed

Strike and dip of inclined bedding

Gravel or road-fill pit

Quarry

High-angle fault -- dashed where approximately located, dotted where

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PLATE 2 WHITE HILLS QUADRANGLE J. M. HIGGINS CORRELATION OF

**BEDROCK UNITS** 

0-10 Qac Qal<sub>2</sub> & Qat<sub>2</sub> -----10-30 Qao Qmt Qaeo Qat 190-270 Numbers at base of boxes are projected feet above the modern Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers.

PLATE 2 WHITE HILLS QUADRANGLE J. M. HIGGINS

CORRELATION OF SURFICIAL DEPOSITS

